



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2003 Wisconsin Act 212 [2003 Assembly Bill 495]	Sale of Surplus County Highway Land
2003 Acts: www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/	Act Memos: www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm

Under **current law**, the Department of Transportation (DOT) may, with the approval of the Governor and subject to certain requirements and exceptions, sell at public or private sale state property, including land, that is under its jurisdiction when DOT determines that the property is not necessary for highway purposes. DOT may also order a county highway committee to acquire land for highway purposes and may order the county highway committee to sell such land at public or private sale, subject to conditions and terms authorized by DOT.

Also, under **current law**, a county board may sell at public sale county land that was acquired for highway purposes if the board determines that the land is no longer needed for highway purposes. DOT must approve the sale if the county acquired the land by purchase using any funds other than county funds.

2003 Wisconsin Act 212 allows a county to sell surplus county highway land at fair market value by private, or public sale, to an owner of land adjacent to the surplus county highway land. The Act does not affect the sale of county highway land ordered by DOT.

Effective Date: The effective date of 2003 Wisconsin Act 212 is April 23, 2004.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents.